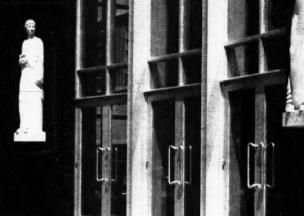
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"We will take care of that risk," I said. "Next time there's heavy lifting, go downstairs and hire four small lads—reasonably clean—and have them do the heavy heaving for you. If dirty boys are cheaper, fine, and in tune with our business philosophy." Janey muttered something. "And now what?" I asked.

"Look, Boss! Notice this letter is from 353 Massol Avenue in Los Gatos, California. It's from a Doctor Alvin Burgess. . . ."

"Wait!" I squealed. "Massol Avenue, Los Gatos! Why that's where my sister Marjory and I were born."

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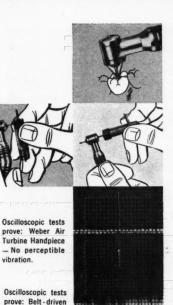
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"I moved up here from the San Joaquin Valley about four years ago and chose this location because my family and I fell in love with the Los Gatos area.

"I read your book Oral Hygiene from cover to cover each issue and enjoy it immensely. I like its size and shape because I can read Oral Hygiene in bed very comfortably.

"Anyway, Mass, I just had to tell you that you now have a dentist on the street named for the Massols."

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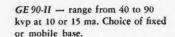
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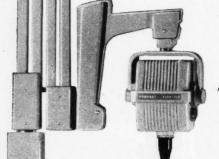


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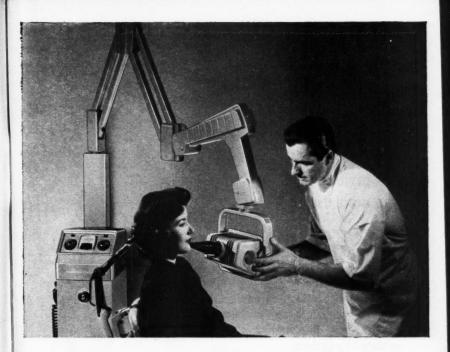
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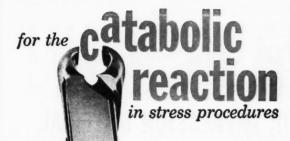
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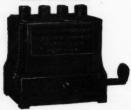


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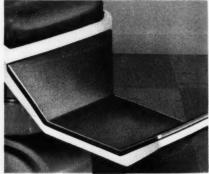
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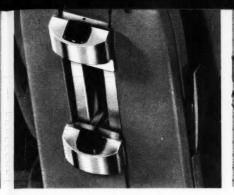
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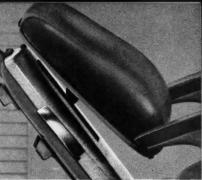
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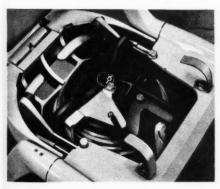
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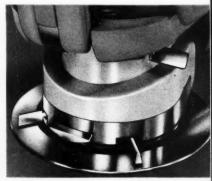
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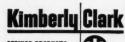
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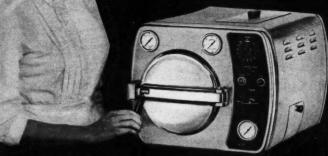
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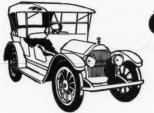


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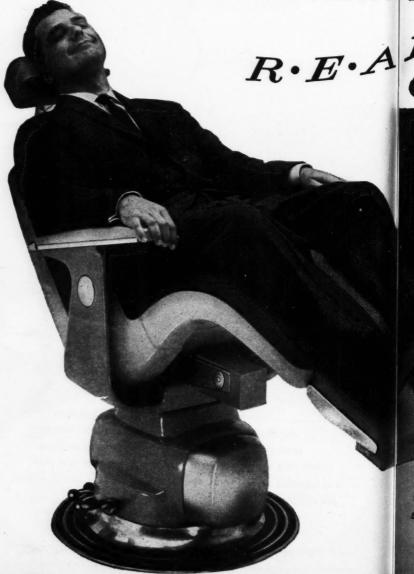
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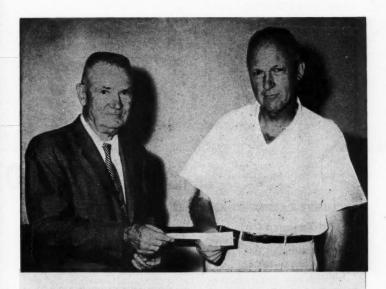
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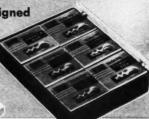
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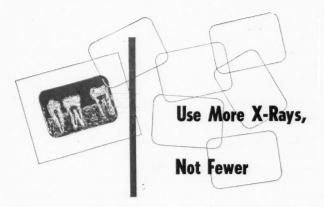
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# BY HAROLD S. JONES, DDS

IT Is only a tooth, but what a contrite situation it has produced in my mind.

By going to the extreme of confessing that I am responsible for this tooth, and attempting to have this fact published, I sincerely hope that others will learn from my experience, and I will console myself in a small way.

It was a first molar in a child 13 years old, who has come regularly and given me all the opportunity I needed to preserve her teeth. I placed restorations in three of her first molars and several bicuspids over the last five years.

The other day she presented herself for her regular checkup, and I found a small distal cavity on the first molar. Under an anesthetic I Six-month dental examinations must be supplemented by a study of x-rays.

found to my surprise that the pulp was involved. Needless to say, it was a large cavity. She remarked on questioning, that the tooth had been sensitive.

Why didn't I take bite-wing x-ray pictures long before this date?

Why didn't I suspect that, if three of her first molars needed attention, the other one would most likely have some hidden imperfection?

Why did I assume that my careful examinations every six months were better or as good as x-ray studies?

I am conservative, and abhor

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x-ray duplication. I have hundreds of patients who, I proudly feel, have had many teeth restored, and not one has had a pulp involvment, let alone an extraction. I have often said, give me the children early and often enough, and I will preserve their teeth.

I take bitewing x-rays rather regularly, and have done so for years; but with this child I assumed too much. I will admit that such action is not in keeping with the virtues

of our profession.

I was saved from total embarrassment by the child's parents. They had confidence in my judgment, and they thought the calamity was an inevitable affair. I thought for a time that my inconsistency was exposed, that their confidence in me would be shaken, and that my reputation was at stake. The parents' acceptance of this incident helped greatly to relieve me mentally, but the truth of my negligence was still before me.

I hope the root canal treatment I am executing on this tooth will be a success, and then my guilt will be partly lessened.

# **Incomplete Examination**

Here is another story along this line that is hard to believe, especially for anyone outside our profession.

"I have a toothache, doctor. I hope I don't have to lose the tooth. And would you examine the others," the patient began his episode.

"Well, you certainly have beautiful teeth," I remarked.

"Yes, that's what they all say. Three years ago when I had a tooth extracted I asked the dentist to examine my teeth, and he said there were no cavities. A year later I lost another tooth, and at that time the dentist said there were no cavities, and now the story is repeating itself."

"Well, sir, you must have x-ray pictures taken."

# **Cavities Detected**

The bitewings showed many cavities on these beautiful teeth, high and interproximally. I will not tell you much about the tediousness of cutting those beautiful teeth across the occlusal surface and down both mesially and distally to make a good restoration—but we did it.

Many a patient gets a shock when you report the findings on good x-ray pictures. That is to be expected, for someone else failed to do a careful examination before this time. We know that the average dental caries can be seen on an x-ray picture two years before there is any clinical evidence of it. These cases have taught me this lesson: Do not be too conservative, do not assume too much. From here on, I shall take all the x-rays that I consider to be necessary for an accurate diagnosis.

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# **WORRY-FREE INVESTMENTS**

# for the DENTIST

# BY JOSEPH ARKIN, CPA

THE SUCCESSFUL dentist faces the problem of prudently investing surplus funds to furnish capital and income for his old age. Can a busy practitioner find the time to seek, manage, and supervise his investments? All too often the answer is no; thus more and more persons, particularly professional men, find that the answer is in investing in mutual fund shares.

Basically, a mutual fund is the cooperative ownership of shares in many companies, in many industries, with diversification and lessening of risk. Spreading investA discussion of some of the advantages of investing your money in a mutual fund.

ment ownership among many securities is a time-tested investment principle to reduce risk and to increase the possibilities for worthwhile investment results.

Listed are some of the highlights of the advantages of investing in mutual fund shares:

Trained Supervision: The stocks that are purchased by the management of a mutual fund are carefully chosen and information about these companies is continuously

checked. Trained men make up these advisory groups, men who understand how to interpret upto-date economic and statistical information, and who make trips throughout the country inspecting the companies and talking to the executives of these companies.

Dividend Continuity: Because the income of a mutual fund comes from many individual securities, continuity of dividend payments rests on a stronger base than if the income were derived from one or only a few securities. The dividends paid to shareholders are not guaranteed, but vary from year to year, depending on the amount earned by the fund.

Marketability: Mutual fund shares enjoy a ready market, whether holdings be in large or small amounts. Under normal circumstances the fund will redeem your shares for cash at a price based on the market value of its investments at the time of the transaction, in accordance with provisions set forth in its prospectus.

Convenience: You do not have to worry about the safekeeping of your share holdings or about bookkeeping details. An independent bank or trust company holds all securities in custody. Regular reports are furnished to stockholders setting forth pertinent financial information, dividend news, and recent sales or acquisitions of various securities.

Simplified Estate Settlement:

Ownership of mutual fund shares simplifies the settlement of estates, due to the ease of valuation and liquidation. It also reduces the number of transfer agents to be dealt with and the number of different requirements to be met. But more important, provision is made for continuing investment supervision, even during the settlement of the estate, and thereafter for the investor's spouse and children if they elect to retain the shares.

The needs and purposes of investors are varied. There is also a wide variety of purposes and policies among mutual funds, each offering many advantages and benefits under principles of operation generally common to all.

Investment objectives of management of each mutual fund determines the types of securities it owns and the degree of risk inherent in ownership of shares. The investment holdings of some funds consist entirely of common stocks; of others, bonds. Still other funds own both. But, each holding is carefully selected for its ability to contribute to a specific investment result or a combination of results.

Mutual funds have grown spectacularly in the past few decades. At the end of 1940 their total assets were only 448 million dollars, with 296,000 shareholders. At the end of 1956 they totaled almost 10 billion, with approximately 3,000,000 shareholders. Economists predict that they will have total assets of 20 billion and more than four

million shareholder accounts by the end of 1960.

Actually, mutual fund ownership is no longer confined to the small investor for whom they were originally designed. Some individuals have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in them and they have become increasingly popular as investments for banks, insurance companies, schools, colleges, hospitals, fraternal organizations, pension funds, profit-sharing plans, corporations and partnerships.

Their record has been impressive. They have shown remarkable long-term growth and none has ever missed a dividend. Admittedly, the past is no guarantee of future accomplishment, but it is still our only laboratory for measuring the effectiveness of management methods and principles.

The diminishing value of the dollar makes mutual funds a particularly attractive investment in these times. Dollars in the bank or in insurance are fixed dollars, which have been losing and are continuing to lose their purchasing power as the cost of living repeatedly reaches a new peak.

There are various methods of

investing in mutual funds, the most popular methods being the periodic payment plan, whereby the investor agrees to pay a fixed sum each month for a ten-year period; the voluntary plan, whereby the investor pays a fixed sum each month but is not under contractual obligation to do so; and the outright purchase of a fixed number of shares for its cash value, or the investment of a fixed sum of cash for whatever amount of shares such cash will buy at the asset value.

When the decision is made to invest in mutual funds, (and such a decision is a wise one!) one more important decision has to be made, and that is the objective sought of the fund. Before making a purchase or contract commitment, the investor should investigate thoroughly—making sure that he finds a mutual fund adapted to his wishes and needs.

The proper step in such direction would be the selection of a reputable investment firm, registered both with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Association of Security Dealers, to discuss your investment aims.

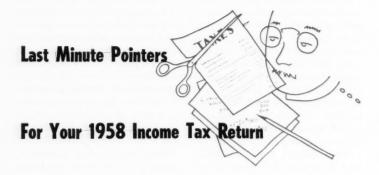
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2. When there is roentogenogramic evidence of infection caused by them.

3. When they are causing malocclusion.—MARION JOY, Toronto, Ontario, Oral Health



# BY ALLAN J. PARKER, LLB, LLM\*

WHEN a few years ago Congress changed the due date for Federal income tax returns from March 15 to April 15, columnists lost their opportunity to "beware of the Ides of March." Whether in March or April, paying taxes is never an exhilarating pleasure but a necessary duty of citizenship. And the Supreme Court has frequently remarked that no one has a duty to pay more taxes than the law requires. This article may offer some last-minute hints to the dentist who is about to settle his score with the government.

Actually, as has been pointed out, the time to plan for tax savings is all during the year. After the whistle has blown the end of the year there is no further effective action that you can take for 1958. So resolve now to apply any of the items which seem useful to you in 1959—after talking with your accountant or attorney. Remember, your family lives on what is left after taxes, and a dollar of tax savings may be worth three dollars in fees.

### Depreciation

Congress has given the deduction for depreciation additional attractiveness, beginning with 1958. A new, extra first year depreciation of 20 per cent is allowed on purchases up to \$10,000 a year (\$20,000 if joint returns are filed) of tangible, personal business equipment (not land or buildings). This is in addition to regular de-

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New regulations and littleknown provisions of income tax law can give dentists a tax advantage.

preciation and disregarding salvage value.

Either used or new property is eligible for the extra 20 per cent first year depreciation deduction, provided it has a useful life of six or more years. For example, in September 1958, Doctor Brown purchased an x-ray machine and related equipment at a cost, including installation, of \$1000. Equipment of this nature is given a useful life of about ten years by the Internal Revenue Service. Even though Doctor Brown held the property for only one-third of the year, his depreciation deduction is computed as follows:

Original Cost	\$1000
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assuming salvage value of \$50, 22% x \$750 = \$ 165 ½ x 165 = 55 Total allowable depreciation for 1958, \$200+\$55 = \$ 255

There are some limitations on this additional depreciation deduction, which should be checked with your attorney or accountant. For example, the property must be purchased (not exchanged or inherited) after 1957 from a person who is not a member of your immediate family. Also, this provision is elective. If a taxpayer prefers to spread depreciation over a longer period, he may do so. Doctor Jones, who in 1958 borrowed money to equip his own new office, prefers to postpone depreciation deductions to what he hopes will be higher income years in the future.

# Office at Home

If your office is in your home, depreciation deductions are allowable on that portion of the home used for professional purposes. For example, Doctor Brown uses 25 per cent of his home as an office and reception room. He computes depreciation as follows:

Cost of Residence (e	x-
clusive of land)	\$24,000
Portion Allowable	to
Professional Use-	
One Quarter	6,000
Depreciation at 2%	120

An office in your home, entitling you to depreciation deductions, may be a "second" office, if in fact you see a substantial number of patients at your home.

There is a particularly attractive feature about the depreciation deduction with respect to a home or office which you own. Although depreciation is allowed in order to permit a taxpayer to recover the cost of property used in his profession over its useful life, in terms of dollars in today's inflationary times, real estate does not in fact depreciate with age. It is common for a building to be purchased in 1955 for \$40,000 and sold in 1959 for \$50,000 even though five years depreciation has been deducted. Thus, to an extent, depreciation is a "free" deduction.

In 1958 Congress made another slight change in depreciation of improvements and fixtures (such as air conditioning) made by a dentist who rents his office. Where the lease is renewable, and the facts show that it is quite likely to be renewed, these improvements now must be depreciated over the original and the renewal term of the lease. To an extent, this postpones depreciation deductions and consequently may be disadvantageous.

### **Entertainment**

Do not overlook entertainment deductions in preparing your 1958 income tax return. Such deductions include not merely restaurant checks and theater tickets for entertaining referring dentists or patients, but also the additional cost of entertaining guests in your home, flowers for patients, gifts to employees, hospital attendants, nurses, and patients, for business rather than personal reasons; and an allocable portion of dues at a town or country club—again

where it is clear that membership in such club has been taken out in substantial part for professional reasons. Records should be maintained showing the dates, places, and events, the names of guests, the amounts expended, and above all, some indication of what professional benefits in fact resulted or were reasonably expected to result from such entertaining. Records of this nature have been made easier to maintain by the recent expansion of credit cards which now include more types of expenditures than ever.

### Contributions

Again, a dentist who itemizes his deductions may deduct contributions to his church or other charitable, educational, scientific, or similar tax-exempt organizations. Deductible contributions, however, need not be given in cash. The value of clothing or used equipment given, say, to a mission for use in Africa is deductible in an amount equal to the fair market value of the property.

Although the value of services contributed by dentists to hospitals and other charitable organizations is considerable, tax deductions are not allowed. However, the unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses of services to a charitable organization are deductible—such as the cost of gas and oil consumed in driving your car to solicit funds for the new addition to your church. Even the cost of toll tele-

phone calls and postage incurred in connection with charitable work should not be overlooked.

# **Educational Expenses**

The tax laws recognize that it is as much a part of a dentist's professional responsibility to keep his own skills sharp as to keep his equipment in good repair. Thus, deductions are allowed under the business expense category for the cost of professional publications, dues to state or national associations, and the expense of attending refresher courses to keep informed of current developments.

The expenses of attendance at local or national dental conventions or meetings are deductible, including hotels, transportation, and tips, but not the cost of any side trips. Moreover, the Internal Revenue Service insists upon knowing in the case of convention trips which is tail and which is dog. That is, where the purpose of the travel is primarily for a vacation, expenditures for travel, meals and lodging will be disallowed even though you attended a bona fide refresher course. Only the cost of attending the course will be deductible under such circumstances. An important factor in determining whether the primary purpose of the trip is for vacation is the relative amount of time devoted to personal sightseeing and similar activities as compared with the time devoted to educational pursuits. Almost inevitably, the expenses of your wife and children in accompanying you to such conventions are nondeductible.

Similarly, the expenses of a residency or postgraduate study in a university are considered to be capital expenditures, somewhat comparable to the construction of a factory which will subsequently produce income. The dentist, however, unlike the factory owner, may not take depreciation deductions on the cost of his education over his working life.

# Pensions

The year 1958 may also go down as the one in which the Keough-Jenkins bill, designed to give tax equality to pensions for the selfemployed, passed the House of Representatives but failed in the Senate on a technical point of order.

As a result, contributions which a physician, dentist, farmer, or other self-employed person, makes toward his own and his family's security in his old age in the form of annuities, life insurance, or stock investments, must remain nondeductible. But the bill's supporters will carry the fight on. Tax discrimination is as unjustifiable in 1959 as it was in 1958.

### Insurance

Premiums for fire, liability and extended coverage insurance on an office or on a home, to the extent that it is partly used as an office, are deductible. Malpractice and also business-connected workmens' compensation insurance premiums are deductible in full. Deductions are not allowed for disability insurance to the extent that it provides for continued earnings for a dentist who is disabled. However, the cost of insurance, which repays medical expenses for accident or sickness may be deducted (as a medical expense), as may the cost of special policies which take care of a professional man's office overhead while he is disabled (as a business expense).

Not everything on this check list admittedly applies to every taxpayer. For dentists, as well as other business men, there is no substitute for maintaining accurate, complete, and up-to-date records of financial transactions. Only with these, together with whatever help is necessary from your attorney or accountant, can you be sure that you are staying out of trouble by paying your fair share of taxes but no more.

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# THE COVER

This month's cover photograph of the entrance of the Henry Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, represents an invitation to The Thomas P. Hinman Dental Clinic, which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, March 15 through 18. Flanking the entrance are two seven-foot figures, one of Hygeia, the Greek goddess of health, and the other of Hippocrates, the father of medicine. These figures are in relief from the black granite walls of the entrance. They are two of five sculptures designed and executed by Julian H. Harris of Atlanta, Georgia, for this building. Among other works of art designed by Mr. Harris is the Thomas P. Hinman medallion.

Requests for information about this meeting, and reservations, should be addressed to Doctor Thad Morrison, Jr, General Chairman, 353 Doctors Building, Atlanta, Georgia.—Photograph courtesy of Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

### **NUTRITIONAL DISTURBANCES**

FICKLE eating habits often dictate the older person's diet. One has to contend with edentulous, sedentary, and constipated individuals whose whims of diet are as unpredictable as those of the pregnant woman. It is small wonder that nutritional disturbances, obesity, and vitamin deficiencies contribute to the problem of providing a constant metabolic milieu for the elderly patient.—LANE and MASSEY from Geriatrics

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BY CHARLES L. LAPP, PhD, and JOHN W. BOWYER, DBA\*

# **Patient Education**

If you educate patients as to the value of your service they are less likely to shop around for dental service. If you have patients who believe your service is not worth the fee they have paid, then they feel exploited. When they hear that someone else paid less for a restoration, they begin to wonder if their dentist is "taking" them. It is good public relations to let the patient know when you have made a difficult restoration.

On the other hand, if a patient feels you are not charging enough then you are really being exploited, and you should review your fees. Remember, upon the completion of dental service, the patient should feel that the treatment is worth what he paid for it.

# **How to Handle Patient Objections**

If a patient seems reluctant to accept your service, evaluate his resistance. Is it just an excuse? Is it a real objection? Any broad objections are difficult to handle. Reduce a broad objection down to specifics that can be handled. There are various ways for countering objections and

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resistance. If it is just an excuse, ignore it. By ignoring the excuse you will not give the patient's point stature. Sometimes a smile is more effective than saying anything. Other techniques are to restate the patient's point, ask the patient a question, and agree; then turn back the point as an advantage and concede, but give plus advantages to offset the patient's point of view.

# Hints for Study Club Chairmen

The next time you are a study club chairman use these hints, and see if you do not have a better meeting:

1. Control discussion, but do not dictate.

2. Keep discussion balanced among participants.

3. Direct specific questions to specific colleagues if the discussion lags.

 Reconcile differences in points of view on a heated discussion by taking a vote.

5. Stop the meeting while it is still going good—do not let it "die out."

# **Short Thought-Provokers**

1. When you are with a patient do you allow your mind to wander to your own harassing problems rather than making the patient your sole object of concentration?

2. Do you encourage patients to report late for appointments by not

maintaining your appointment schedule?

3. Are your fees so low that you have lowered your standing as a professional man?

4. Do you look beyond a patient's mouth in order to better understand each patient?

# **Auxiliary Personnel React to Praise**

Too often you may take your auxiliary personnel for granted. Avoid the attitude that doing a good job is their responsibility. When one of your employees does something well, helpful, or a little extra, let her know you appreciate her effort. If you do, you will be surprised how much more she will do for you.

# Investigate Before You Invest

Most dentists do not have time to do their own investing unless they

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do it as a hobby—something for a change of pace. However, the allure of quick profits overcomes the best of us at times, or you may feel that you can do better than professional investment management. Some dentists have. If you do your own investing in individual common stocks, these rules will help you prevent some losses.

 Select a broker with a good reputation and one that you feel will give you adequate service. Remember all the broker has to sell is

service.

2. Buy only from your broker. Do not ever buy securities from a stranger over the telephone (especially from another country).

Do not act on investment advice unless you know the source to be a reliable one. A good idea is to time test some of the advice before you

actually use it.

- 4. Try to find out all you can about the company and its management before you buy, even if you feel you do not know enough about it to ask intelligent questions. Ask anyway, you will be surprised what you can learn.
- 5. Always remember that the days of "overnight" fortunes in the stock market are past. Do not expect miracles, because they do not happen, and beware of the man who promises them.

Never act on an impulse. Any time a business deal is presented to you and you are told "you must act fast." ask for at least 24 hours

to think about it and check on it.

7. Above all, if you are going to do your own investing, keep informed on the securities you buy after you have bought them.

# Using the Services of Your Life Insurance Underwriter

Life insurance underwriters or agents are regarded by many of us as nuisances. This is a mistake. A good life insurance man can offer to you free many services it would otherwise cost you hundreds of dollars to buy. How can you use the services of your life insurance underwriter wisely?

1. Select a qualified man. Check his professional qualifications, the same as you would those of a colleague if you planned to refer a patient to him. What experience and education has he had? A good point to look for is whether he is a Chartered Life Underwriter. This is a designation he receives only after passing some rigorous examinations.

2. Maintain a professional relationship with him. Do not buy life insurance from good friends or relatives. You will not feel that you

can disagree with them.

3. After you have selected a qualified underwriter, stay with him. If he knows he is going to get your business, he will value the relationship and work hard to preserve it. In addition, you can refer all other insurance salesmen to him, which will discourage callers.

4. When you discuss your estate plans with your attorney, accountant, or trust officer, always include your life insurance underwriter in the

conversation. Use his time, he is there to give you service.

5. Finally, insist that all plans and proposals be presented to you in writing so you will have time to study them and ask questions about them.

# Do You Have a Will?

A will is a necessary legal instrument for everyone, irrespective of age or income. If you die without a will, the law makes provisions for disposing of your estate for you, which may not be a disposition that you would agree with. Even in cases where dentists have wills, they are outdated because of changing circumstances. A quotation from a recent letter illustrates this situation. "Doctor Smith's will was executed before his last son was born in 1950. The actual distribution under his will is entirely different from what the dentist would like to have done with his estate." From experience, it has been observed that many dentists are making the same mistake. Consult your attorney periodically, review your will, and be sure that your estate will be disposed in the manner you want it to be. You owe it to your family.

# Some Estate Planning Questions

Before consulting an attorney and insurance man about your estate plan, you should think through the answers to these general questions:

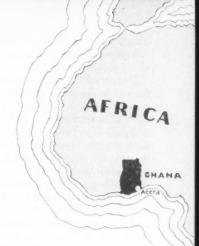
1. Who should benefit from my estate?

- 2. Why should they benefit, or under what circumstances should they benefit?
  - 3. When should their benefits go into effect?
  - 4. What property best fits their needs?

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# **DENTISTRY**

# in a New Nation



# BY SARA A. LEE, DDS

MY EXTREME interest in preventive dentistry led me, upon my arrival in Ghana, to study the manner in which it was applied here. My observations revealed that preventive dentistry was not the policy here in Ghana, and that the public in general was lacking in dental education. The most appalling situation was to be found in the schools. for unfortunately there was no dental education program. Consequently, children of the past have matured into the men and women of today, completely lacking in the knowledge of good dental health. The children of today were found to be following along the same path, as preventive dentistry has not yet found its way into the general education of the schools through any public health program.

A school dental program is this author's means of spreading dental education in Ghana.

Mention is made in the hygiene classes, social welfare centers, and public health programs, of the function of the teeth, and one is told that he should keep his teeth clean, and how to keep them clean by brushing them; but stress and importance is not placed on the duty an individual has to his teeth—as well as the role the dentist must play to help the individual care for, protect, and correct his dental needs.

Dentistry as it is here today among the school children and masses means only extracting teeth and placing temporary substitutes. These findings made me realize where I could best make my contribution to Ghana, in the field of preventive dentistry among the school children.

The proverb, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old enough he will not depart from it," is not limited to the home. Although it is believed that basic influences that mold a child's habits stem from the home, this I feel to be true only until he enters school. Once within the confines of school experiences, many of his acquired traits will undergo drastic and lasting changes. Therefore, there can be no other starting point, other than with the school children to assure Ghana of a healthy dental-conscious citizenry.

# School Dental Program

To lay a firm foundation of preventive dentistry in the minds of the school children is the goal we hold as our duty: If we execute our obligation a future generation of citizens will not likely depart from the concept of preventive dentistry.

With these thoughts in mind I began to persuade the Government to allow me to undertake the organization and administration of a school dental program in Accra, Ghana. My proposals were approved and I began immediately with the actual organization.

The location of the clinic chosen for the school dental program was the dental wing of the Korle-Bu Hospital. The clinic was equipped with two complete operating rooms, one for the examination, charting, and x-raying of all the children; and the other for operative service and surgery. Since dental x-ray equipment was not available to our dental section, the cooperation of the main x-ray department was obtained.

The School Dental Program started at the Dental Clinic at Korle-Bu Hospital with one school on March 17, 1958. In May a second school was added, and in June a third school was added.

The procedure was as follows: A whole class attended on its first visit, and each child had his teeth examined and the results charted. Each class made subsequent visits on their designated days in groups of fifteen, at which time x-rays were taken, followed by a series of periodontal treatments, after which the necessary surgery and operative services were performed.

# **Vitamin Deficiency**

Since March 17, through August 31, 2095 visits have been made to the clinic, which represents two or more visits per child. Periodontal treatments have been given to 537. In some cases care was needed so badly that three to five visits were required to complete the treatments.

It was found that a large percentage of the children were suffering from a vitamin C deficiency, in which case the children were told to drink citrus juices or eat plenty of the citrus fruits in their natural form. Some of the fruits suggested were: Orange, grapefruit, pineapple, tomato, lemon, or lime. They were given a week's supply of the vitamin C tablets.

In a number of cases only periodontal treatments were needed. However, there were others who had dental defects which required additional visits. Of this group, 262 have had operative service performed, which included restorations, root canal therapy, and pulpotomy. Surgery has been performed on 204 children, including extractions, apicoectomy, wiring

fractured and displaced teeth, and the removal of benign growths and cysts.

I am pleased to announce that I have completed all of the dental service for 369 children and I have issued completion certificates to each of them. Many children, not students in either of the three schools, have also been treated and the services performed for them are included in the totals.

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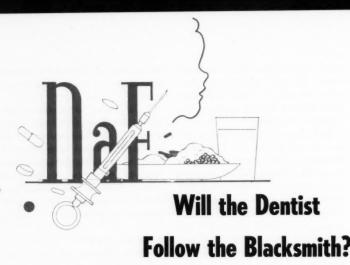
# ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH YOUR PATIENT RELATIONS?

A common fallacy is to assume that we can proceed through life without public or human relations. Some unthinking individuals actually believe that public relations constitute an extraneous, isolated activity, which is too complex and too time-consuming for a busy man. Such people fail to realize that we have human and public relations whether we want them or not. We cannot stop people from evaluating us as individuals or as professional workers, and we cannot stop people from reacting in accordance with their evaluations. Our relationships with others will be poor, fair, average, good or excellent, depending upon the thought and energy we put into them, or upon the neglect or indifference we display. Patient relations represent a vital element—perhaps the most vital element—in the total activity of human relations conducted by dentists.—The Journal of the Ontario Dental Association, Toronto.

# NEW TREND IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING-DENTAL INSURANCE

THE FIRST industrial union to obtain non-profit dental insurance for its members through collective bargaining with Helena Rubinstein, Incorporated, is Local 14-149 of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union, AFL-CIO. The Group Health Dental Insurance Plan provides that the members may receive service from their own dentist and it pays benefits to any dentist anywhere in the world.

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# BY SOLOMON GREENBERG, DDS

A RECENT issue of *Dental Times* stated that the demand for dental services has been steadily declining over the past several years. While I do not believe that our profession will become extinct in the forseeable future, there do seem to be good reasons why the average dentist's practice will continue to decline.

Heading the list of factors that have cut down dental practice is the fluoridation of drinking water. The reduction of dental caries in children by 50 per cent or more is tremendous—but all to the good.

Next, I would say that our better knowledge of dietetics—the value of high protein, and low sugar and starch consumption—has been of great benefit to the public. This leads to the thought that their will be a great reduction in the distaff side of our practices; and that in the future instead of losing a tooth for each child, women will protect their teeth and their torsos by counting their calories and thriving on sugar substitutes.

Of course, the emphasis on oral hygiene both by the dental profession and the dentifrice manufacturers has undoubtedly prevented many a molar from parting company with its owner. This progress has been greatly helped by the cooperation of the public school systems' dental examination programs in many communities throughout the country.

Then, too, the miracle drugs such as penicillin and the "mycins" have reduced the need for extensive dental treatment in many instances, Here are some reasons why you may experience a decline in your practice.

Passing thought must also be given to the era of wholesale extractions when all ills of mankind were blamed on the teeth. This should probably be called the medieval period of medical practice, since physicians often "ordered" dentists to perform these operations. Need I add that nothing stimulated a patient's desire for a set of dentures more than the sudden loss of fifteen or twenty teeth -and I do mean sudden, for in those days dentists thought nothing of removing a mouthful of teeth in one visit.

To darken the picture a little more, we must remember that to-day we have specialists to relieve us of our burdens. While we should appreciate the help they give us with our difficult cases, still the fact remains that some of the patients with difficult cases have been known to refer patients with simple cases directly to, let us say, an exodontist because they were impressed by his services.

Now we are told by authorities that many of the extensive occlusal rehabilitation treatments should never have been performed. However, this type of practice affects a minority of the profession. A gloomy picture of this kind would be incomplete without mentioning that an ever-increasing inflation, plus a steadily increasing supply of many new kinds of tempting consumers' goods, are continually making the public's dollar smaller and smaller. I need only add that we will, as we always have in the past, be placed at the bottom of the "shopping list."

### **Periodontal Disease**

To complete this cheerful presentation let me add that although some of you will say that if caries does not get them in youth, periodontal disease will trip them up in old age, all I can say is that loose teeth have been tolerated for better and for longer periods of time than exposed, aching pulps, even to the point of a "do-it-yourself" exodontia job by the patient. And do not count on making full dentures for the geriatric patient, since he can be well fed with strained meats and vegetables just as we feed baby.

Let us hope that if on some faroff day our profession shall no longer be needed, that we too may be remembered with as kind and tender sentiments as Longfellow remembered "The Village Blacksmith."

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# CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DENTIST AND THE PHARMACIST

BY GILBERT LE VINE MELLION, DDS\*

The Connecticut State Dental Association and the State Pharmaceutical Association have formed a joint committee to provide better service to dental patients.

SINCE World War II, not only has there been a marked increase in prescription writing on the part of dentists in the United States, but there has been a greater emphasis on the systemic administration of pharmaceuticals as an adjunctive treatment in the handling of oral disease.

It was in recognition of this fact that in 1954, an already existent Medical-Pharmaceutical group, invited the Connecticut State Dental Association to join it. Thus, from 1954 to 1958, we had in Connecticut the Joint Medical-Dental-Pharmaceutical Committee made up of five members from each society.

During this period the dental profession, through its representation on this Committee, had an active part in revising the narcotic laws of our state. Although the Committee did not have legal authority, it was able to discourage the sale of dental reliners by familiarizing the pharmacists with the dangers involved.

In 1955 each pharmacist and dentist who was a member of his state organization received a free copy of a dental formulary that was purchased and distributed by the respective association. This formulary was prepared by the National Conference of State Pharmaceutical Association Secretaries in cooperation with dental consultants. The great merit of this booklet to the busy practitioner is that he can readily find under the various classifications of analgesics, sedation, vitamin therapy, and antisialagogues, a printed prescription of the drug of his choice, which merely has to be copied on

<sup>\*</sup>Doctor Mellion has been elected Chairman of the Connecticut Joint Dental-Pharmaceutical Committee. He is also Chairman of the Nutrition Committee of the Connecticut State Dental Association.



At a meeting in Hartford, the work of the new Connecticut Joint Dental-Pharmaceutical Committee is inaugurated with Doctor Gilbert L. Mellion as chairman. From left, Doctor Roger V. Ostrander, Waterbury, president, Connecticut State Dental Association; Morris H. Hurwitz, East Hartford, chairman, pharmacists' delegates; Doctor Mellion, Rocky Hill, chairman; and Francis B. Cole, West Hartford, president, Pharmacist Association.—Hartford (Connecticut) Times photograph.

his prescription pad. For those who lack confidence about prescription writing, this booklet helps to make them less hesitant.

In the spring of 1958, by mutual agreement of the Executive Committee of the State Pharmaceutical Society, and the Board of Governors of the State Dental Association, it was felt that although the three-way group had been successful, the time had arrived for the formation of a separate Dental-Pharmaceutical Committee made up of five members from each pro-

fession which would meet every three months. These ten representatives would annually elect their own chairman and secretary. It was felt that such a committee could devote its entire agenda to dental-pharmaceutical problems, and would have the potential to explore avenues of interprofessional relationship more readily.

# Committee's Objectives:

Some of the aims of the Committee are:

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1. To encourage each dentist to obtain a narcotic number from the Internal Revenue Bureau. The most expeditious way to accomplish this would be to issue the proper narcotic application form to each new member of the state dental association at the time he receives his copy of the constitution and bylaws.

2. To establish a list of competent and qualified dentists and pharmacists who can be called upon to speak to each other's professional societies. The dentists would attempt to familiarize the retail pharmacists with the dangers in selling "do-it-yourself" items such as dental reliners, as well as providing accurate information about the dental products he is selling.

3. To encourage retail pharmacists to use ethical informative dental window displays by taking advantage of material available from the American Dental Association and the state health department.

4. To have each pharmacist and dentist purchase Accepted Dental Remedies (published annually by the ADA), which lists various preparations that have been accepted and approved for use in dental practice. 5. With the appearance of many new drugs that have potential use in the practice of dentistry, this Committee will explore the possibility of placing in the hands of each dentist a card file made up of sample prescriptions that could be used in dental practice. On the reverse side of the card would appear a brief description of the action of the drug, indications, counterindications, and dosage.

 It has been agreed that a halfhour of each meeting of the Committee will be devoted to motion pictures or lectures, alternating on aspects of dental practice and phar-

macy.

It is hoped that the publicizing of the formation of the Connecticut Joint Dental-Pharmaceutical Committee will encourage other dental societies to take the initiative in activating similar groups in their own states. Thus through the cooperation of dentists and pharmacists we can take another step forward to provide better service for our patients.

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# BILL OF SALE

A FEW months ago the comedian Fernandel went to a dentist and had an aching tooth extracted. Said the dentist: "Don't pay now, I'll send the bill later."

Fernandel later received a letter from him. There was no bill inside, but instead a neat little sheaf of folding money and a note to explain.

"I've sold your tooth to one of your fans who is carrying it as a good luck charm," wrote the dentist. "From the proceeds I've deducted my professional fee, and enclose the balance."—Detroit (Michigan) News.

# MINISTRY OF HEALING

A COMMISSION appointed in October, 1953, by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to consider the "theological, medical, psychological and pastoral aspects of Divine Healing" has finally made its report, which is reviewed in the *British Medical Journal*.

The commission consisted of 28 members of whom 14 were of the clergy, 1 was a nonmedical scientist, 10 were physicians, and 3 were matrons of hospitals, all under the general chairmanship of the Bishop of Durham. Seventeen meetings were held, a questionnaire was sent to 75 societies and individuals, from which 60 replies were received; oral evidence was obtained from 12 persons, including 2 Christian Scientists. The British Medical Association cooperated to the extent of setting up a special committee to aid in the study.

At the starting point was the axiom that the Church is charged with a commission to heal the sick; an obligation that is placed on clergy, physicians, and nurses. Also axiomatic is the principle that it is the entire indivisible person who is to be restored to health—not the soul and the emotions by the clergyman, and the body and the emotions—by the physician. Herein is the basis for cooperation between clergy and medical profession and on such a basis, instead of "faith healing," "spiritual healing" and "divine healing," the general term "ministry" of healing is more appropriate.

The part that faith plays in the healing of the sick cannot and need not be experimentally demonstrable. On countless occasions it has been convincingly evident.

The term "spiritual" need be viewed askance by no one, and least of all by the physician, who should appreciate as well as any the complicated pattern of personal existence and the varied and wondrous means through which health is so often restored.—The New England Journal of Medicine.

# A DENTAL CRISIS

At the present time there are 112,000,000 people in the United States who now have some type of health insurance protection. Figures do not appear to be available for Canada, but would probably include the same relative percentage of our citizens. It seems paradoxical that while the old cliches of dentistry being a "health service" and the "close cooperation between medicine and dentistry in the common health goals" are repeated on every side, the facts do not bear out the cliche. Oral surgical benefits are specifically excluded by most of the Blue Shield, Blue Cross and PSI plans, unless the surgery is performed by "physicians licensed to practice medicine."—Oral Health

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# EDITORIAL COMMENT

"Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to my conscience above all liberties." John Milton

# WHAT KIND OF LEGISLATION DO DENTISTS FAVOR?

THERE probably will be bills that will come before the present session of the Congress, which will be displeasing to dentists.

One form of legislation that we may expect will be a proposed amendment of the social security laws to include hospital and health care for the beneficiaries of social security. Legislation of this kind was introduced before the last session of the Congress, but it was not enacted into law. The liberal membership of the present Congress will be more favorably disposed to pass legislation of this kind.

Another bill that was before the last Congress, and met the fate of inaction, provided that a self-employed person (a dentist, for example) could establish a tax-deferred pension trust fund for himself. Such legislation is certainly needed, because under the present law a self-employed person is discriminated against. Labor unions have enormous retirement and welfare funds; corporations have pension plans for all their employees. In either case the funds are accumulated before taxes. The self-employed person must pay taxes first, and if anything remains he is allowed to save the money.

In the mind of most legislators the dentist and physician are archconservatives, and are by temperament considered to be opposed to social legislation. That is, of course, only partly true, and it is certainly no disgrace. The dentist takes his own risks; he has no board of directors or stockholders to placate or please; he has no union organizers to harass him. He is an independent, one-man producer. In fact, he is one of the last of his kind in economic society.

When a legislator looks at the dentist he may picture him as a man

who makes considerable money, and as one who opposes legislation for the social welfare. Again the image is only partly true: the dentist does not make much money; he has, however, often been on the side of the reactionaries and opposed to social change.

When representatives of the dental profession appear before legislative committees they are often looked upon as unpopular witnesses. How is it, says the legislator, that you came here to oppose a bill that would provide health care for the beneficiaries of social security, and you ask for yourselves legislation that will allow you to build an estate with a considerable tax advantage to you? That is a question! How do we answer?

One answer might be that we are not asking for a favor. All we expect is a consideration similar to that received by union welfare funds, corporation pension trusts, and retirement benefits similar to those received by government employees, including members of the Congress. We are not pleading for preferential legislation or special privilege—a fair deal is all we ask.

We may find it more difficult to answer the charge of reactionarism. We did oppose social security legislation for years; we did oppose the Forand Bill that would provide health benefits to social security beneficiaries. It is ironic that we have contributed our skills to people on relief, but are opposed to helping the aged who are beneficiaries under social security. People on relief (or charity), where somebody else pays all the bills, receive our care. Those who have themselves paid into the social security fund are not so liberally considered for health care.

We have approved the activities of the United States Public Health Service. We have favored the use of government funds for dental research. These are evidence of our social enlightenment, or, if you prefer, our acquiescence to socialism. Do we mean that we favor the use of government funds to erect research buildings and to supply research grants, but are opposed to the treatment of individual persons? If that is our meaning it is time that we made our position clear to legislators.

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# So You Know Something About DENTISTRY!

BY ROLLAND C. BILLETER, DDS

# Quiz 173

- 1. Inlay gold has a (a) low, (b) high, rate of thermal expansion.
- True or false? Corticosteroids topically applied to inflamed sites, such as beneath a denture, may relieve distressing symptoms, but may interfere with the natural processes affecting the cause.
- Conventional sleeve-bearing contra-angles and straight handpieces can be used successfully with speeds in the

- region of (a) 20,000-25,000, (b) 30,000-40,000 rpm.
- 4. Do properly manipulated amalgam restorations remain free from tarnish or corrosion in all but the most unhygienic mouths?
- True or false? The great majority of needles broken during injections are those broken during the so-called "mandibular injections" for anesthetization of the inferior dental nerve.
- 6. What causes the traumatic mucosal irritation noted frequently in elderly denture patients?
- Carcinoma of the gingiva usually occurs in (a) the molar and bicuspid region (b) the anterior part of the mouth.
- 8. How are embedded mesiodens detected?
- Recent evidence indicates that the pulp is a (a) remarkably resistant, (b) delicate, organ.
- 10. From what structures do odon-tomas arise?

FOR CORRECT ANSWERS SEE PAGES 76 and 78

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# **TECHNIQUE of the Month**

Originated by W. EARLE CRAIG, DDS

# Quicker and Easier Denture Servicing

Drawings by Dorothy Sterling

# **Protecting Denture When Relining**

By TALMAGE V. ROGERS, DDS



Dry denture thoroughly. Cover entire outer surface with ordinary painters' masking tape, stretching and pressing it to the contours of the denture.



With scissors, cut away the excess tape from the periphery.



Proceed with relining. Then strip tape from denture. All smudges of impression paste or relining material will be on the tape, not on the denture.

# Removing Broken Tooth from Acrylic Denture By LLOYD H. FRINK, DDS





With a carborundum disk running at high speed, cut a slot in the center of the broken tooth,

The friction of the disk will heat the tooth in 30 seconds. It can then be removed from denture without damaging adjacent areas.



# ASK Oral Hygiene



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# **lodine Deficiency**

Q.—In the August 1958 issue of Oral Hygiene, subject Bone Metabolism, you mention prescribing ground sea kelp tablets "in an effort to supply needed bone building minerals."

Could these tablets help build the supporting bone that has been lost around natural teeth? If so, I should like to know where these tablets are obtainable, the dosage suggested, and any possible contraindications.—H.N.S., New York.

A.—The suggested use of ground sea kelp is for the purpose of supplying sufficient iodine for proper iodine metabolism for normal thyroid function. Dysfunction of the thyroid gland interferes with proper bone metabolism. This can give rise to resorption of the alveolar bone and gingivitis.

If the patient does not receive a sufficient amount of iodine in salt or seafood, you can prescribe 3 tablets of Parkelp® a day; this can be obtained at a pharmacy.

### **Traumatic Occlusion**

Q.—I have a patient who complains of a burning sensation between the upper central incisors. This burning lasts from several minutes to several hours at a time. It does not seem to occur at a certain time of the day routinely. The patient has some loss of vertical dimension. I have placed occlusal guide planes on his lower posterior teeth in the hope

that the burning sensation between the upper centrals would be relieved. Such is not the case, for he still has the burning sensation with his upper anterior teeth out of occlusal.

Can you give me any advice as to the cause and treatment of this condition? I do not want to go ahead with any permanent reconstruction until I can correct the foregoing complaint.—T.B., Tennessee.

A.—When traumatic occlusion is present but there is no mobility of the affected teeth, there is frequently a heightened sensitivity of the teeth to thermal change, especially to cold. This seems to indicate that the overstress has caused a disturbance of the periodontal circulation, centering at the root apex, with resultant disturbance of the pulpal circulation. This is accompanied by excitation of the pulpal nerve supply. Relief is usually prompt after the traumatic occlusion has been relieved. It is evident that the chief response to the occlusal overstress is in the nerves supplying the pulps of the upper anterior teeth, resulting in the burning sensation. I would suggest that you relieve this overstress by filing down the labial surface of the incisal third of the lower centrals and laterals.

# **Rapid Resorption**

Q.—I have a 50-year-old woman patient who has had three sets of dentures for various reasons over the last fifteen years. The last set, which I made and which were "most satisfactory" two-and-a-half years ago, have been relined once. At that time I opened the bite ten mm to correct the vertical. The vertical is now closed to almost half that amount. Would it be advisable to reopen the bite, considering the slight amount of retention due to shrinkage of the lower ridge?—R.P.R., Maine.

A.—The problem of establishing the proper vertical relationship of the upper and lower jaws of this type is extremely difficult. The final judgment as to whether or not you should open the bite more to offset the rapid resorption of the lower ridge should be governed by the general satisfaction the patient is at this time enjoying with her dentures; and whether maintaining the status quo will do harm to the temporomandibular relationship and other problems that are associated with an over-closed bite.

It may well repay you to try and discover what the cause of this bone shrinkage may be. The patient may have a thyroid dysfunction and require medical therapy. Then again, since the patient is a woman and age 50, there may be some postmenopausal changes that may require medication. Since this patient will be wearing dentures for at least another twenty years, it would be beneficial to determine how you can stem such drastic changes in the foundation of the dentures. At this particular time, I

would be inclined to refrain from any further relining or making of new dentures.

# Reseating Avulsed Incisor

Q .- A patient had a permanent central incisor knocked out. He came to me immediately after the accident with the tooth held in his hand. It was not fractured. I placed this tooth in a salt solution, and under a local anesthetic I pushed the tooth back into the socket. At the same appointment I banded the adjacent incisors with stainless steel orthodontic bands, and tied the central to the rest of the incisors with an edgewise arch wire. I have taken x-rays before and after, and do not see any appreciable changes as yet. The swelling and pain have subsided, and the patient is doing well.

Now I would like to know what I should have done. I do not know of any such techniques, as this is hardly taught in school. I would appreciate your reply and suggestions.—F.S., Hawaii

A.—The procedure followed by you in reseating and immobilization of the avulsed central incisor was as correct as the "book" would have it. In adults, the chances are not as hopeful; though the chance is worth taking. However, in either child or adult, we must remember that reattachment is by virtue of: first, fibrosis; and second, ankylosis.

Discoloration of the tooth is usually the rule. To avoid this, and in view of the type of reattachment which is to occur, it is deemed proper and wise to extirpate the pulp (in vitro), wash out the pulp chamber with peroxide of hydrogen, 3 per cent, ream the canal, and fill it with your favorite canal

filling material. The apical end should be burnished with a hot instrument. Then replace the tooth in its alveolus and fix it for immobilization as you did, or with figure "eight" ties anchored to the adjacent two teeth to both mesial and distal of the avulsed tooth.

The patient should also be given a therapeutic dose of antibiotic, either penicillin injection of 600,-000 or 800,000 units, intramuscularly; or a good oral agent such as one of the tetracyclines, or erythromycin in 250 mg doses every four hours around the clock for 10 to 12 doses. The wires or other mode of fixation should be kept in situ from 3 to 6 weeks, depending upon the age, damage to the bone, and secondary infection.

### Stain Removal

Q .- A woman patient of mine, age 54, was ill four years ago with a kidney condition and hypertension, and was put on the rice diet. She has now regained a fairly normal physical condition, but the teeth have been affected despite supplementary vitamins and calcium. The upper centrals and several other teeth are eroding from the gingival line. There does not seem to be any evidence of dental caries as vet, so no replacements have been made. There are heavy dark stains on the teeth similar to those that smokers have, but she does not smoke. These stains are more pronounced on the back surfaces. Prophylaxis is of little help.

I shall appreciate your suggestions.-R.M., Florida

A .- There is no ideal solution to the removal of stains from roughened, inaccessible surfaces in the enamel. The use of 5 ml of 30 per cent hydrogen peroxide solution with 1 ml of ether applied with heat is satisfactory provided many such treatments are made. In this case, caution must be taken not to contact the soft tissues, and the two liquids have to be shaken well before application. To prevent further erosion, the following suggestions are made:

1. Make sure that all teeth are free from caries.

2. Be sure that there is no environmental involvement around the teeth, such as gingivitis.

3. Thorough brushing and proper use of dental floss after every meal. (Care should be exercised so as not to mechanically abrade the eroded areas.)

4. Avoidance of soft drinks, chewing gum, and other materials containing carbohydrates between meals.

5. Use of an alkali mouthwash three times a day.

# **Dentures and Sensitive Teeth**

Q.—I have an elderly patient about 75 years old who is having difficulty wearing his upper denture. At times he cannot dislodge it, but the moment he talks it drops out.

1. Do you think he cannot coordinate his muscles of speech while he is talking? Although I have checked repeatedly with carbon paper, I cannot record a high spot.

2. I made the anterior part of the denture heavy in order to compensate with the deep grooves of his face. Do you think this interferes with the suction of the denture?

3. The patient told me his lower den-

ture is satisfactory. I did not make the lower one, just relieved the sore spots now and then. Now he complains he cannot wear the upper or lower denture. I believe his lower denture needs relining, but he will not cooperate. He also develops sore spots on his lips on the posterior borders. I believe his diet may be inadequate, and I have told him to drink plenty of orange juice, and to take vitamins, but I doubt if he follows the instructions.

Another problem: I also have difficulty in treating the sensitive necks of teeth. I use silver nitrate followed by tincture of iodine, also equal parts of sodium fluoride, white clay, and glycerin, I give the patients instructions not to eat pickles, onions, sharp peppers, lemon, and grapefruit; but I do not get satisfactory results.

I shall greatly appreciate your advice in regard to these problems.-L.H.K.,

Illinois

A.—Without a medical history of your patient, and more information of the relationship of the upper and lower teeth as to occlusion and to vertical dimension, it is difficult to give an exact cause of the troubles your patient is experiencing.

There are many things which could be causing the problems of

this case:

1. The mucous ducts in the posterior region of the upper palate can produce excessive saliva and loosen the upper denture. This can best be remedied by extending the posterior border to the soft palate and applying a heavy postdam.

2. Sometimes the desire to make an esthetic denture and construct a heavy labial flange, can produce resistance to the muscles of speech. With some cases of elderly patients, it is impossible to produce good function, which imparts stability and retention, and esthetics at the same time.

3. In an elderly person, marked changes usually take place in the lower ridge and in the relationship of the temporomandibular joint. With the mouth in repose there should be approximately 3 mm of space between the upper and lower incisors.

Your patient has experienced much difficulty and, in my opinion, I believe that from a long term view, construction of a new balanced set of dentures would be the only solution.

As to hypersensitive teeth, ammoniacal silver nitrate, 33 per cent sodium fluoride paste, and zinc chloride solution (40 per cent) followed by potassium ferrocyanide solution (20 per cent) generally are effective agents to combat this. An 80 per cent solution of zinc chloride can be applied provided it does not approximate a deep cavity and if it is applied cautiously. Another remedy you might try is a product called Thermodent® It contains formaldehyde paste and can be applied with safety by the patient at home.

#### Ginaival Hemorrhage

Q .- Would you please be kind enough to give me a practical reply to the following:

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the teeth, and applied "trichloroacetic acid tincture." I have asked the patients to apply an astringent mixture, and have prescribed injections of vitamin C (500 mgs), together with calcium gluconate and chloride, every day, for quite a long period of time. The hemorrhage did not subside.

Please advise how to treat these cases,

—C.D.P.M., India

A.—In the absence of a complete medical history and x-rays it is difficult to give you the exact diagnosis and treatment for the bleeding that you describe. Since the patients are both female and middle age, it is possible that the bleeding may stem from systemic causes. The postmenopausal period results, in many women, in a low estrogenic blood level which may influence the vascular supply of the oral mucosa. It may be advisable for you to prescribe high potency vitamin capsules containing at least 50 mg niacin each, to be taken before each meal, plus a diet high in meat proteins and low in carbohydrates. If vitamin therapy has failed to help, I would suggest a gynecologic consultation.

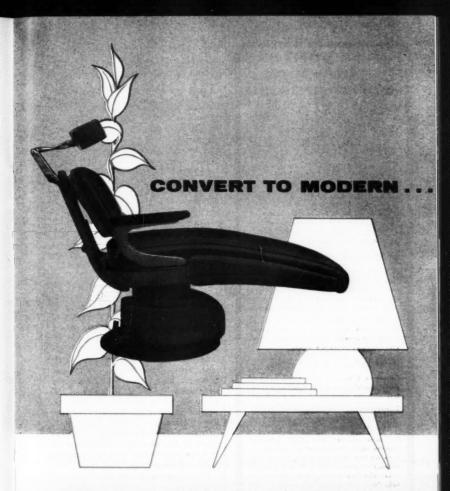
#### **Abscess**

Q.—A patient, age 35, came to me with a fistula between the upper central and cuspid area. An x-ray revealed that the area around the central was involved. I prepared to take the central out, but first ran a vitality test on the central and found that it was quite vital and immobile.

Would you advise taking the central out? What is your thought as to what caused the abscess?—D.L.M., Tennessee

A.—Undoubtedly a lateral abscess is present along the distal surface of the upper left central. The involvement has reached a stage of an alveolar crest osteomyelitis as is evident by the presence of a

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sequestration of the crest bone. The central should be extracted and the remaining sequestra of the crest bone should be removed.

#### Gagging

Q.—One of my patients, a man of middle age, who has had dentures for six months, uses them at meals only. He has no trouble while eating, but starts gagging immediately after. I refit the upper to be sure I had a good postdam, but there is no improvement. I then looked through the volumes of The Year Book of Dentistry, and in the 1952 volume, page 460, I found the following, which sounds good to me.

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Please advise if you have had any experience with the alcohol treatment. Have you anything better to recom-

mend?-J.W.V., Texas

A.—I am not familiar with the technique of alcohol injections for the purpose of reducing gagging sensitivity. I believe, in accordance with many other dentists, that the modern use of tranquilizing agents and education of the patient are the best means of overcoming the difficulty accompanying new den-

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#### **Poor Occlusion**

Q.—The patient is a man about 65 years old, and has a slight case of diabetes. He has a lower cast partial, and has had four upper dentures. Two were acrylic, one with a metal palate. The one he wears now is a roofless, acrylic denture without suction cups. Sometimes it is tight, and other times it loosens up.

His chief complaints are: (1) As soon as he puts the upper denture in, his mouth fills up with a heavy saliva, so that he can keep the denture in for only a short period. (2) He has a burning sensation in the palate when he wears the denture. Also, when he has the denture in he continuously moves his lips and his lower jaw as if he were trying to push the denture up.

I shall appreciate your suggestions.— H.B.S., Massachusetts

A.—I see no reason why the existing diabetes should be blamed for the ill (or uncomfortable) fit of your patient's dentures. From your description, it sounds as though these dentures are laboring under poor occlusion and/or improper vertical with a resultant chain reaction of poor free way space, abnormal functional occlu-

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sion and maldistribution of stress forces to the mucosa and the underlying supporting bone.

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# **Dentists in the NEWS**

#### Makes Archery Equipment

An enthusiasm for sports has carried Doctor J. C. Moses of Wolf Point, Montana, far beyond the shooting stage in archery. He makes his own bows and arrows, and since 1954 he has turned out more than thirty bows and innumerable sets of arrows. He had little information when he first began making his bows, but he studied what books and magazine were available, and incorporated many of his own ideas. His reading has also included the study of the history of archery. For instance, he found that only recently were bows made that could shoot an arrow as far as those used by the ancient Turks.

Doctor Moses' bows are from 62 to 68 inches long, and are made mostly of two strips of maple glued together, faced and backed with strips of glass. The riser, or middle piece of the bow, is made of walnut, with the handle of deerskin or horsehide. It takes about ten hours to make a bow. Arrows are of glass, metal, or cedar—Great Falls (Montana) Tribune.

#### **Dentist-Lawyer**

Because he had long been interested in law, particularly as it applies to the medical profession, Doctor David M. Cooley of Springfield, Massachusetts, decided to study at Western New England Law School while practicing dentistry. He recently passed his bar examination.

As far as he can tell now, he will major in the dental profession, make some use of his knowledge of the law, and "give" of his training in both fields through part-time teaching in some school or college.—Springfield (Massachusetts) Union.

#### Nebraska Dean Retires

After serving for 19 years as dean of the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry. Doctor Bert L. Hooper has retired. He has devoted about forty years to initiating and encouraging programs for improving dental education.

From the time as a high school lad when Doctor Hooper invented an 8-day automatic chicken-feeding device, his manual dexterity has been a valuable asset. Besides helping him decide to enter the dental profession, it has assisted him in utilizing through what he calls "gadgetry," every fraction of an inch of whatever office space he happens to have.

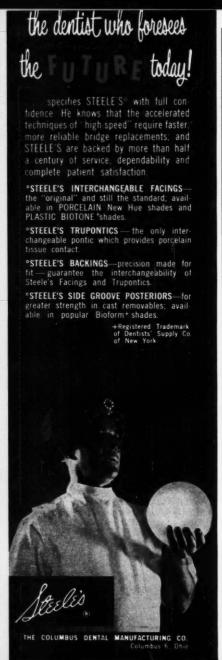
During the 1920's Doctor Hooper built a sighting device for motion picture cameras which could be used in filming football games. These movies were used in coaching the team, thus initiating a procedure now employed by all coaching staffs throughout the country.

When he takes a few moments from his work, Doctor Hooper writes poetry. He explains in one poem entitled "Why," "It soothes my nervous system —takes me to a world sublime."—Omaha (Nebraska) World-Herald.

#### 92 And Still Practicing

One of the oldest practicing dentists in the State of South Dakota is Doctor Hewitt Hall, who celebrated his 92nd birthday recently. He has been practicing dentistry for the past 63 years, and has no plans for retiring. "Many dentists ask me about my plans when they see me at conventions each year." he said. "I don't understand why. I'm in excellent health. I keep a full schedule, and

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I don't know what I would do with my time if I retired."—Sioux Falls (South Dakota) Argus-Leader.

#### **Brazil Dental Project**

Rochester's dental health supervisor, Doctor Hugh M. Averill, says he has been "slowed down" by the crippling aftereffects of poliomyelitis, but it does not seem so. Although he needs one cane for walking on level areas and two canes for walking up and down steps, Doctor Averill is now helping to conduct dental experiments on an isolated rubber plantation in Brazil. In the two weeks before he left for Brazil, Doctor Averill conducted four performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore," and directed a thirty-piece orchestra, a twenty-voice chorus, and nine principals in the Webster Theater Guild production sponsored by the Rotary Clubs in Webster and Marion.

The Brazil experiments will test a theory that phosphates help prevent dental caries. The project is being directed by Doctor Basil M. Bibby, director of Eastman Dental Dispensary, on a \$72,600 grant from the United States Public Health Service.—Rochester (New York) Times-Union.

#### Dentist, Minister, Carpenter

At the age of 94, Doctor Willie Sherman Marshall is visiting the ill and the aged in rest homes, hospitals, and state institutions. To these people he brings reassurance from the Bible as well as from his personal experiences, even though, with two exceptions everyone he visits is younger than himself.

Doctor Marshall practiced dentistry in Bangor, Maine, until 1949. Then he moved to East Corinth where at the age of 72 he built himself a good-sized home.

Once he had closed his office, Doctor Marshall found he could devote more time to "doing good and helping my fellow man." He had been ordained a minister in 1949 under the Dawn Bible Students Association, a nondenominational organization.—Bangor (Maine) News.

#### Receive British Honors

Three St. Petersburg, Florida, dentists have been elected to The Royal Society

of Health, an honorary society in London, England. They are: Doctor Melvin E. Page, Doctor Vincent R. Trapozzano, and Doctor Bernard C. Kehler.

The society until recently was open only to residents of the British Empire. Members are chosen by invitation and elected on the basis of professional standing and work in academic fields such as teaching.—St. Petersburg (Florida) Times.

#### Research Award

The annual Callahan award of the Ohio State Dental Association has been presented to Doctor George C. Paffenbarger, who is senior research associate of the American Dental Association at the National Bureau of Standards, Washington.

The Callahan award, named in memory of a Cincinnati dentist, Doctor John Callahan, is given annually to a practitioner who is outstanding in research. Doctor Paffenbarger is in charge of testing all new dental products before they are approved by the American Dental Association.—Cincinnati (Ohio) Post.

#### **Ex-Dentist to Hess**

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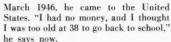
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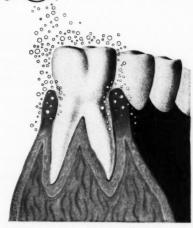
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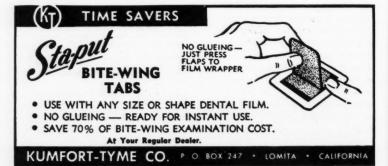


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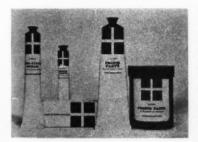
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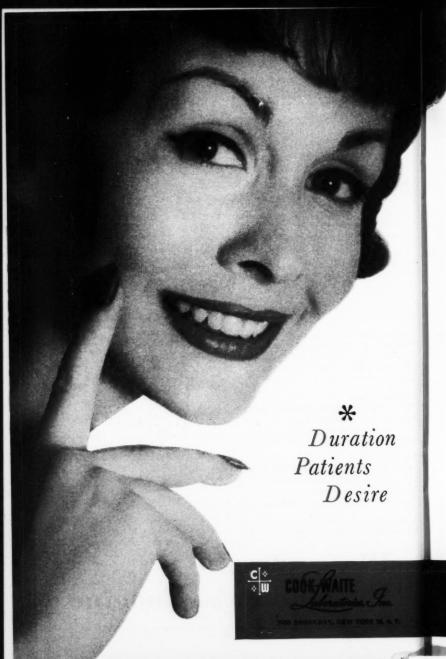
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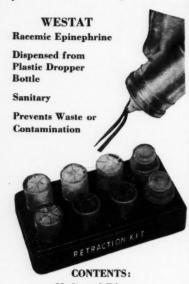




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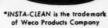


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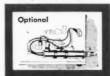
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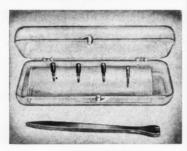
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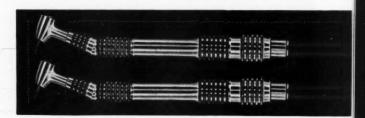
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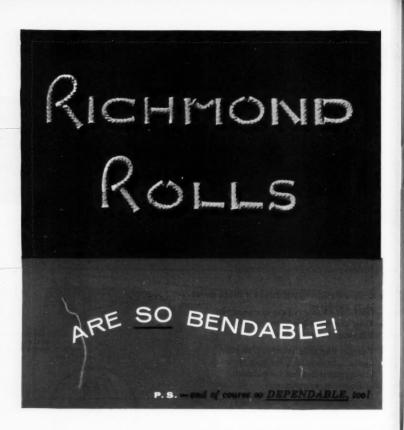
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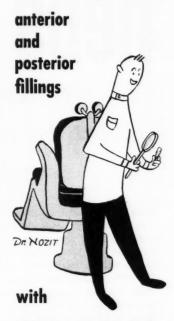
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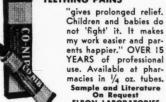
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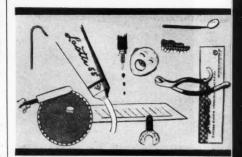
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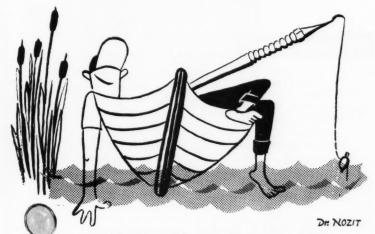
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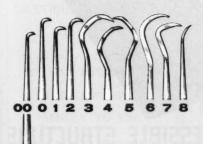


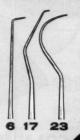
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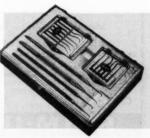
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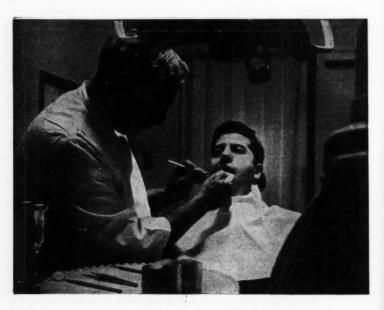
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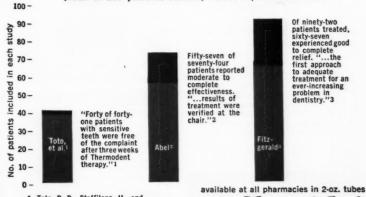
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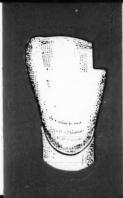
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